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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Assessment of Requirement for Precise Geodetic Data

1. DCID 1/3, 7 January 1963, established, as a First Category of priority, the "precise geodetic location of targets" essentially related to Soviet nuclear attack capabilities. The current proposal for revision of PNIOs (USIB-D-25.1/6, 13 June 1963) makes no specific mention of "precise geodetic location," but it is likely that this question will arise in later implementation.

2. The DD/I Collection Guidance Staff is therefore examining the question in an effort to formulate a position for the DD/I on the relative priority to be accorded collection efforts to determine "precise geodetic locations of military targets in the USSR."

3. An assessment by ORR of the various degrees of accuracy required for targeting various weapons systems and for geographic purposes, in light of current and projected DoD and Agency needs, would be an important input to our examination. Such an assessment should review current and projected collection and collation programs and the time frame in which these programs might satisfy the various accuracy levels. The inclusion of an evaluation of the use and feasibility of technical, map and geodetic data collection as related to the "accuracy" question would also be valuable.

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4. [redacted] of this staff has discussed this with [redacted]  
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